

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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REHEMA MOKE, R.N.	:	
License # 26NR 14717300	:	FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
	:	
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rehema Moke ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about November 10, 2014, the Board sent a letter of inquiry to Respondent at her address of record asking for, among other things, documentation of nursing continuing

education completed during the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle.

3. Respondent replied that she had completed the required continuing education, but was unable to provide documentation of completion of the required continuing education for the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle.

4. Respondent indicated on her 2014 renewal application that she would have completed required continuing education for the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to document required nursing continuing education to be attributed to the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's indication on her 2014 renewal application that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014 is deemed to constitute misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was

entered on March 18, 2015. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order of Discipline by providing documentation of completion of the following continuing education:

- 1 hour within the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 period;
- 59 hours within the June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016 period.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Respondent did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. Inasmuch as Respondent cured the deficiency of the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2104 period by taking 29 extra hours in the current biennial period, the Board determined that suspension was no longer warranted. However, the Board determined that

Respondent's failure to timely complete thirty hours of continuing education within the June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014 biennial period warrants a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty, as well as a reprimand for her misrepresentation on her renewal application where she certified that she had completed the required continuing education and was unable to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she had done so.

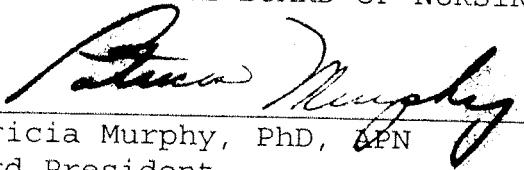
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of July, 2015,
ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
2. A civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to State Board of Nursing, Attention: Leslie Burgos, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in

accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President